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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.
371 IN THE U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE

Sir:

In response to a Notice of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed October 25, 2001, enclosed are:

1. Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements.
2. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventors, Ugo Siepel and Pieter Lykle Buwalda.
3. A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the Surcharge pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.492(e).

An Assignment document is being concurrently filed with this response in a separate correspondence to the Assignment Division, along with the required Recordation Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595).

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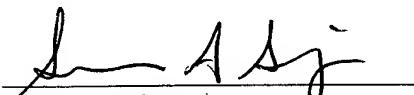
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The undersigned affirms that the application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office is the application that the inventors executed by signing the declaration.

If any additional fees are due or an overpayment has been made, please charge, or credit, our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for such sum. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- **\$130** Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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